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COMMERCE NOT CONQUEST

England Cares for No More Oriental Subjects.

A SINGULAR TANGLE

Continental Organ Looks on Dismonberment of China as Natural and Logical-Celestials Would Be Impreved by a Current of Fresh Blood-Christmas Pantomimes

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London, Dec. 25,-The story of a c bined naval demonstration by England and Japan finds few believers. The latter has nothing to gain thereby, as British con cern is entirely for the commercial position which may be the result of seizing a naval station, but the government will certainly not attempt to occupy and administer a tract of Chinese territory with the present object lesson of India staring them in the face. The British government is not in a mood for annexing and governing a few more millions of Orientals, even if they had the chance, which is unlikely. Yet even the government's mouth-piece, the Standard, does not seek to put an optimistic coloring to the present situa-It says, in a leading article today

"We have for Christman the contempla tion of one of the most sugaiar caugles that have ever tried the patience and perspicacity of a diplomatic expert. The Eastern question in Europe, as affected by the system of continental alliances, was baffling enough in its intricacy. Republican France, from a mere fear of Germany or a site for revenge, became the sworn friend of despote Bussia, but while the Cantis full of grace and enthusiasm towards President Faute, he has also the language of sympathetic and warm friendship, and a dose derstanding to offer to the German Emperor. Such is the lucky magnetism of Muscovits autocracy that Austria per offs itself to forswear its distrust and discola for the time being any extreme approach sion about the Balkan Peninsula, but Austria-Hungary is itself rent by in terrecee disputes which, to those who watch with admiration and gratitude the noble devotion of the Emperor-King ap pear to threaten the cohesion of the vast that was held together by his personal influence. Italy, meanwaile, is forced by reverses, which the auspicious gallantry of its army failed to avery to educe the sphere of its activity abroad and

husband its resources at home. "Great Britain, because it refuses to identify itself with either the Russo French or German-Austrian alliance, be Comes a mark for the ill nature of a least two nowers, yet the concert of all is contrived to prevent the reopening of the Eastern question, which it is recog nired would be the signal for the long postponed collision. This co-operation. however, permits Germany to show its bad temper and masterfulness at the expense of Crete and Greece. While things to the Levant are in this barassing condition of uncertain equilibrium, suddenly Chines territory is, so to speak, thrown into the diplomatic market. Germany and Russia whether in pursuance of a concert of amicable rivalry, each occupy positions on the mainland, which must provoke Great Britain-the paramognt commercial power-4a seek compensation as a safe guard against exclusion."

an international conference he united to consider the Chinese question, but this proposal is not likely to come to anything. Neither Russin nor Germany thinks such a thing desirable and despite the Damboyant Kiel orations, it suits both to put an entirely pacific completion to their

The Frendenblatt, which is the repired organ of the Austrian foreign office and approves of the occupation of both Kino Chou and Port Arthur, discusses the partition of China as a natural and proper

The form which the opening up will take can scarcely be determined now, as the enormous territory is too little known. It is impossible to foretell the effect European interference in the people and the organization of the state, but there can be nodoubtthat it would be an enormous at vantage to any nation to be brought into connection with such a market as would be furnished by the Chinese. For China, or the other hand, the appearance of Euro peans within her borders will mean the letting of a current of fresh air into her rigid culture. This, not improbably, will cause many crises, but it will put be life into that nation's starmant existence. Europeans will furnish the Chinese wit timans necessary for cultivating the whole empire. Railways and steamers will conment remote provinces with the centers of trade and the activity from which hit best they have been cut off. One consequence of the better communications will be the stoppage of enigration, which so dis-quiets Australia and America, as the surplus population will in the future Ho distant previnces and there earn

a livelihood. Prince Henry's mission to China has become more than ever the object of derision here since the cruisers Deutschland and Celion entered Spithead to beg coal almost at the outset of the long voyage.
If the "mailed fist" is ultimately to bit the British face it is considered a trifle ludge rous that Prince Henry will have to go can in hand, to half a dozen British coal ing st. tions before he reaches the striking ground As a matter of fact, he will take mitish coal successively at Gibraltar, Malta, Port Said, Aden, Colombo, Singa pore, and Hong Kong. Quite a fleet of German colliers are now loading for the East, but the first cargo will not reach Chou until after Prince Heury's

equadion.

Weeks ago The Times was enabled to an nonce the secret purchases by the British mous quantities of Welsh steam coal. It looks now as if Whitehall had made provision for impending excep-tional t eeds. All British coaling stations ire known to be fully stocked and more hig contracts are on the point of copcluston. The British admiralty and the French industry of marine are always alive to this coal question, but, incredible as it may seem, information emanating from a sure source shows that the German had not brought their philosophic minds to bear on the question until the last me with the result that if the British and Japanese supplies were barred, the Kaiser's warships would be reduced to impotence.

es learns that in addition to securing coal. Prince Henry's visit to England had the object of conveying to the Queen at Osborne a long letter from the Emperor, wherein his majesty, in effect,

begged his august grandmother not to be rightened at his excursion to China. The letter tien proceeded to complain that the Kaiser was driven to his hazardons course by the policy of the British government. While at Osborne the Prince expressed

Wales. The latter's quarrel with the Kaiser had involved Henry, who naturally took the side of his consecrated brother. The cuarrel from the first has been prickly business. Latterly it has become disagreeably complicated, the various royal imperial ladies taking a hand. The Queen declined to interfere, and left Prince Henry Lemake his own advances to Albert Edward. Therefore Henry wrote and telegraphed his uncle notifying him what train be would travel on to London. He virtually invited binaself to dinger at

Maritageogh Rouse. Arriving in London he found only the secretary to the German embassy a vait-nig lum. Reaching the curbassy he was handed the Frince of Wales's answer to mications. This must have been a refusal to meet Henry, for though the prince's primary object in going to Landon was undoubtedly to see the Prince of Water, he did not go near Marlborough House and left London the next day, not baying seen a member of the Prince of

Wales's family, Wales dired at home that evening. His only subsequent engagement was a visit to the Dake of York's Theater. The managers of the ideaters invariably circulate the announcement of the royal visit as an advertisement, but on the royal visit as an advertisement, but on the occasion the Prince of Wales's uncount course forbade the theater to notify the invespiers, and Manager Femberton had to destroy the con-tomar; a otices at the last moment.

Prince Henry stayed at the embessy to han an hour and declined dimer and other hospitalities, although the German ambas sador had harried to London on brief notice from Eastbourne, where he was recuperating his health, which is so discretered that his physicians ordered bins to travel as little as possible.

After dining at a fashionable West Encafe, the imperial visitor went to the Empire Variety Theater, which helped to make Mrs. Oraniston Chant farmons. Chele and neple w were therefore, embrying fience-by s within a few fundred yards of each other. Had Henry's visit been made a short time earlier, he would have seen a ballet wherein the appearance of the German flag was greeted with bowls of hatred, and if he had crossed Leicester Square to the Alconde a per relicule his consecratabrother and his own mission, and thon erous applause.

How and where he spent the remainder of he night is known only to himself. Prince Louis of Eattenberg and another com-panion. He returned to Fortsmouth the

The preparations for the Swedish Arctic expedition of 1898 are now complete. The expedition will be under the leader-Dr. A. G. Nathurst, who as panied Nordenskjold in the Greenland ex-pedition of 1883. Its main object is to examine the eastern side of Spitzrgen, Wiches, or King Chirles' Island, and the peu island, in the short stretch on Spitzbergen and Franz Josef Land. As this area is probably not accessible in the beginning of next summer, Nathorst intends to carry his investigation into western Spitzbergen and the northeast land of Fear Island. He bought the Autarctic, which in 1895 carried a whaling expedition to the South Polar Sea. It is now temp overhanded and equipped for the expeciation. The captain will be Emil Misson. The expedition will be well equipped for profogreal, zoological, (wdrographical, and cartographical work, Nathorst expects rich results in all departments of science.

London spends Christmas enveloped in frost and fog, but the fog is not the ob-It was a white haze which a red afternoon son penetrate and brighten. There has been a steady frost for two days, and there is already some skating, but the fog impedes rail traffic to the suburbs and like vise the mails, which, especially foreign and colon-

ial, are larger than ever before, The number of parcels received and dis patched at the central office during the week was nearly a nollion and a tair. Owing to insufficient addresses and other reasons the last property department and cold ab cellars at the postoffice are crowsed with turkeys, geese, game and sucking pigs. and over 3,000 bottles of unclaimed whishy and whee and boxes of cigors. The latter not being perishable give less trouble than

those first mentioned. The busiest people in London today are the partonime companies, which are e bearstop morning and night. All these pantonime shows will be produced on M nday. Theritalryiskeen, asan unusualnun ber of theaters have selected the same rale for representation on the stage. "Aladdm's " "Dick Whittington" and "Ciaderella" are subjects which will be preented in twenty London and suburtan

TURKS FIRE ON GREEKS,

Gunbeat Actium Attacked Fron

a Fort. Attens, Dec. 25.- The Turks at Fort Preveza fired upon the Greek gunbout Actium as she was attempting to leave the Gulf of Abracia. The Actium, with other warships, was compelled to return. The government has telegraphed to Prince cords, the Greek minister to Turkey, instructing him to ask the Porte to ex-

HOMICIDE PRINCE'S STATEMENT.

plain the action of the Ottoman troops.

Slayer of Actor Terriss Writes to the Press.

London, Dec. 25.—Lloyd's weekly news-paper in its issue tomorrow will print a signed statement by Richard Miller Arch 'r. alias Prince, who murdered the actor. William Terriss, at the stage door of the Adelphia Theater December 16. The stateent was written in prison for the defending law yer, and it proves, unless A ceher is acting a part to save his life, that he s unquestionably mad. He accuses a number of actors and others, whose names the paper suppresses, of poisoning his food and blackmailing and disgracing him, all for the purpose of preventing him from obtaining at engagement.

Throughout the rambling statement, which fills six sheets of foolscap, runs a thread of muddled, contradictory accusation against Mr. Terriss, in which the word blackmailing is constantly used to describe various alleged malevolences that are so averse to Mr. Terriss' known character as to carry their own refutation. Archer reiterates his bitter charges a gain at frequently refers to the murder in such phrases as the following:

"Had no idea of killing Terriss the other night, but intended simply to scratch him so as to get my blackmailing case before a court of law."

Another part of the statement, incoherent "On the night of the calamity the here.

result of which I regret deeply, as should liked to have him tried to prove his innocence. Others may do so it they can, as I denot expect mercy and as I think it very cowardly of Terriss. He was earning LSO a week and I was anable to e wish to see his uncle, the Prince of make a pound in several weeks. I solemnly declare I am as good as Terriss be fore God and man, although I could never make his money."

In one of the most facid sentences of the whole statement, Archer says: "I wish it to be clearly understood that I should not have lifted a hand against Terrissorlythey were driving me mad by stary ing and blackmailing and trying to me to commit suicide."

Railway Trains Collide.

Paris, Dec. 25. Two railway trains col lided today near Vienne, in the depart ment of Isere. One military and two persons were injured. Among the injured is M. Chauvin, a brother of Mile. Danuvin whose application for permission to prac-tice at the French bar was recently refused by the court of anneal.

Angle-Venezuelan Arbitrator. St. Petersburg, Dec. 25.-The Official

dessenger formully announces the Czar's sanction of the appointment of Councillor Martens, of the ministry of foreign af fairs and professor of international law in the University of St. Petersburg, as impire in the Anglo-Venezuelan arbitra

Berlin Post Raps England. Berlin, Dec. 25. The Post asserts that he United States has no interest in the

present territory changes in Clina, and adds that England displays surprising maivette in expecting American sympath; MISS GONNESS DEPARTURE

Two Farewell Cyations to Be Given

to the "Irish Joan of Arc." New York, Dec. 25.-Miss Mand Goone the Irisl "Joan of Are," who arrived here three months ago and has since lectured in all the principal cities of the country, will return to Ireland on Wednesda next. Before her departure she will he given a reception both in this city and in Brooklyn.

The Brooklyn reception will take place tomorrow night in the Empire Theater when a beautifully illuminated arbite will be presented to Miss Gonne by the committee of Irishwomen who are work trations there.

The fair well reception in this city will take place on Monday might at Coops Union Nearly all the Irish societies the city have combined to make the a casion took vorthy. Among the organiz tions that will take part are the A.O. d.

the Taile Celtic Society, the county or ganizations and the Irish National Alliance The Rev. George C. Bests, D. D., will reside, and William McAnon, former a istant Secretary of the Navy, will delic the oration. Miss Gooms will reply and James T. Egan will discuss the amnesty

question. Col. South, of the Sixty winth Regiment and his stuff will attend. Subscriptions to the fond which Miss Gomestarted to creek a monument to Wolfe Tone and for the '98 centennial celebri tion to be beld in Ireland are still being

MAL DE MER AND NOSTALGIA.

This Con-bination Dampens th Arder of a Love-Sick Girl New York, Dec. 25,—Joseph Barrett is the Son of a stationer in Unichester, Eng hand. He fell in love with Marion Hou man, daughter of a clergyman. The Re-Mr. Houseman was opposed to the engage

Joseph and Marion decided that he should come to America, and a few morning ago be arrived, and relatives found work for but in Plainfield, Then Marion lowed without asking her father's per mission. Her ship met rough weather. was seasek and homesick.

When Marion's faither learned that sh had salled he cabled to a friend in Quebec. who met the disheartened girl at the pie and urmed her to return home At once Unfortunately Joseph had not bee able to juit work to meet his prospective bride, and the father's friend had things all his own

When Joseph arrived he found Marior determined to go back home. The man from Quebec promised in the name of Mr. Housewan that the pair should be married n Chichester Cathedral. Miss Houseman went back home, with the assurance from He has taken passage to still from this port it the first week of the new year.

FEDERAL OFFICERS WANT HIM. Ex-Collector Welhurn, of San Fran-

cisco, Supposed to Be in Mexico San Francisco, Dec. 25; Federal articials are now hunting for ex-Collector of the Fort Wellmrn, who was tried on a charge of embezzlement, but escap-st co detion. It is said that strong avidence of greater frauds in the custon use than were at first developed by

Well-urn was allowed for enforcing the Chiness exclusion laws about \$40,000 The work did not take half that sumbut it is now declared that a list of da.nmies was carried on the payroll to cat up the surplus. There are indications that others besides the custom-house people were interested in the matter. Welburn is supposed to be in Mexico.

Welfautn's exposure has been for

JAPANESE PARLIAMENT OPENS. No Reference to the Chinese Situ-

ation.

Yokohama, Dec. 25.-The Parliament

as opened today. In his speech, opening the session, the Mikado said that the relations of Japanese with all other pavers were friendly. He added that the revision of the treaties

with European governments would shortly be completed. His majesty made no reference to the Chinese situation. The Social Event of Omaha.

Omaha, Neb., Bec. 25,-Senator and Mrs. John M. Thurston celebrated their silver wedding anniversary tonight, at their residence here. It was the social event

Duel at a Christmas Festival. Columbia, S. C., Dec. 25. -Charles Specand San uel Wilbanks engaged in a piscol duel at a Christmas festival at Double Spring church this afternoon and Speed

Hard Game of Basketball. Trenton, N. J., Dec. 21 .- The Trenton basketball team defeated the Camden team tonight by a score of 1 to 3. was one of the hardest games ever plays! agam.

Cubans Win Brilliant Victories Under Garcia.

GUNBOATS SEEK DEEP WATER

Patriotic Amazons Without Arms Aurek Spanish Troopers-Insurgents Put to the Torture, dut Refuse to Betray Comcades-Are Terribly Avenged Later.

Havana, via Key West, Dec. 25. - Advices o The Times, From Manzauillo, Santiago de Cebr province, say that the Spanish squadron, composed of the gunboats Juego Velasquez, Centinela, Alcedo and Louisa, and the tugs Fausto and Eulalia, bas been driven from the mouth of the Cauto River by the insurgents under Gen. Callyto Garcia

At the same time the 15,000 Spanish soldiers, under Gens. Pando and Segura, who attacked the insurgents by land, have also been compelled to rejura to Manzanillo after three unsuccessful attempts to dislodge Gen. Garcia from his strong posi-

The conheat Discs Velasonez was erious ly damaged by a torpedo, and the rest of the squadron had to stop fighting on account of the heavy commonading from the insurgent forts. All along the lower part of the Cauto as far as the town of Cauto del Embardero, the patriots had built strong fortifications with all the modern in provements, which the Spanish guaboats were not able to conquer. It would be tisky and almost repossible for a large crises to enter the mouth of the Cauto.

The Situation there from point of view is most serious for the Span hadra While in Santa Chris, Matanzas, Havaria and Pinai Jel Kio the patriots keep up the guerrila warfare and await the coming of the Spaniards, to offer them battle in their fortified strongholds. Ger in, in the cast, after his destruction of Las Tonne, Games, and Guist, took session of the town of Cauto del En undero and controls the Cauto Biver.

While the news of the war in the west cents to excite more interest as the scene of events is nearer it is well to call at-tention to the fact that in the east Gen. Garcia has already driven the Spaniards Tom a considerable territory, where not single Spanish flag now waves, at a single Spanish soldier can be found.

The plan of Gen. Pando was to reac del Embardero by hard and the fiver at the same time, with the help of the squadron. On December 15 he lands some troops at the month of the Cauc protected by the squadron and specially by the large gunbart Alcedo. This was carried, out under the galling fire of the insurgents. The steamer Jose Garta brought the troops from Manzanillo. Two days later the Spaniards had to retire

The failure of Gen. Pando is producing onsiderable excitement in government incles here. It appears that as the plan I autocomy has failed, the hopes of suc Foth military and nobifical efforts which combination the card Senot Fagasta relied to much, collanses at the same tit

Havers is full of rumors about the Inutgent leader Aranguren, on who of the killing of Col. Rule, It is 're ported that Aranguren has been killed near Aguacate in an engagement with a Spanish coeffilla force, but only the un ompromistog Spaniards in this care cages for Aranguren's death pay much at tention to such reports.

The latest details received here con-firm The Times' statement that Armguren received orders to kill Rutz from Aleiandro Rodriguez, commander of the innergent army in Havana province Twenty-five Spruish troopers attempted to ride roughshod over the oconte of Pena here, recently, when the men and women rose, and arming themselves from a cache nearby, made it hot for them, and forced them to retire, with the loss of eighter The band role into the town, and seizing five Women, attempted to take hem off. Their screams aroused the mer and women there and made them s sequences. Women clong to the saddles even the boys tried to hamstring the

The troops at first thought it a great loke, but soon got angry and cut several of the women with their swords. This was the match to the powder. Scores of men and women soon gathered with guns and pistels, and a lushade was opened on the troopers from every house near them Four men fell at the first fire and the

Later they reformed and came back, but the men had arranged a barricade and gave the troop was a warm reception. The women taunted teem with being able to fight unaroued ner and women, but that when it came to meeting men with guns they were afraid. This maddened the Span lards, and they fushed for the barricade Some one exploded a dynamite cartridge among them and seven men fell, two al most tern in pieces.

This dismayed the others, and they flee at once, threatening to return and burn the place and every person in it.

It has been ascertained since that iw Americans, who were in the place hiding aided in the defense of the place, and planned the work and prepared the bomb that did such execution. One is named Anderson, a Texan, while the other was Olga Sanderson, who landed in one of the Juno expeditions.

The people have since descried the place as they knew that I! would be destroyed soon in revenge for this defeat. At Jibacoa a band of insurgents defeat-ed a detachment of Spanish guerrillas under Marshal Falenas recently, killing

Falonas and seventeen of his band.

The guerrillas were waiting the arriva of an expedition that they had been informed would land soon The insurgents learned of their where abouts and one night raided their camp quietly surrounding it before daylight. As oon as it was light enough to see an alarm was raised and as the guerrilla poured out of their camp the insur-gents opened fire on them with dead!

The guerrillas surprised at the sudde slaught, could do little. They rallied, and pushing their horses alongside, made a break for some rocks nearby, where they entrenched themselves as best they could The fight was continued to nocn, when guerrillas receiving re-enforcements,

the Cubans withdrew a short distance and the two Spanish detachments offered battle

This time the insurgents would not ac ept, but later on in the afternoon they way laid the government forces as they wer fording a small stream and fired on them with deadly effect. Many men were wounded and, fulling

in the water, were drowned. The government forces retreated to Jibacoa at once. They jost, all told, over thirty men killed and forty five wounded. The insurgents also secured twenty-one prisoners; of these fourteen were released after being stripped of their arms and accontrements.

The other seven were accused of butcher ing belpless pacificos, and after a trial by the Cubans in due form, they sentenced to death, and were accordingly macheted by their captors at once

Las Cedras, a few miles east of this ity, was the scene of a bloody encounter last week between small detachments of the Havana volunteers and a band of insurgents from Castillo's camp. The govern ment troops had twenty prisoners captured near the Metrasal estate, whom they intended to kill. They had tied the prisoners to the trees and were engaged in trying to make them confess the whereabouts of some Cutsan hospitals.

Several of the prisoners were being tor tured by Leing hong head downwards and having coals of fire applied to the selection of their bare feet. A band of insurgentpassing by through the woods heard then cries, and made a charge upon the volum teers, creeping up first and delivering a deadly volley, and then using the macnete

The troops endeavored to flee, but the sight before them that they seemed like and men, so the reports say, and they charged upon the troopers like so many lemons. They cut down the leader, Japt Misson, one of Havann's Candles, but a man noted for cruelties to his prisoners and macheted fifteen men and wounded wenty-five note, some of whom escaped.

It is reported that only seventeen men of the entire spanish detachment escaped The news was received here with in redulity at first, but the Spanish officer admitted resterday that something of the kind occurred, but they claimed that the insurgents were in overpowering numbers, and that it was only a wayshie skirmish,

with no consequences Every indication is that formidable of fensive operations are now about to be undertaken by the Spanish forces in a parts of the island. In Havana province, the movement has for its primary object the avenuing of the death of Col. Ruiz, by the annihilation of the forces of Neston Arangarea, which now represents the rebel mintary strength in the province. Gen. Fatrado took the field Thursday, taking with him all the available troops in the city and the vicinity

Columns aggregating 10,000 men will onverse in the vicinity of Jaruco, near where Aranguren's band was found by Consul General Lee's emissary. It is conditful whether they will rind anything gons than the site of the camp, as Aranguren has been warned.

In Santiago de Cuba, Gen, Pando, after nch hard fighting, appears to have been forced to suspend operations to await the arrival of food, ammunition, guns, and so-tillerymen. This last fact tends to confirm the story that Garcia's force is stronger than was expected, and is well complied with artiflery.

TRIUMPH OR DEATH.

Gomez Again Defies the Spanish and Repudintes Autonomy.

Havana, Dec. 25.-Gen. Gomez, in a etter to a newspaper correspondent, stationed here, maye-

"I am in possession of your letter if the 6th uit and I will answer if briefly, "All I have to say regarding this great and heroic war in Cuba is a complete ratification of our manifesto issued at Monte

Christi. "You may make itknown to the American people through the columns of the newspaper of which you are a correspondent that it is the firm resolution of the army and people of Cuba, who have shed so much blood in order to conquer their independence, not to falter in their just cause until triumph or death crowns their Respectfully yours, efforts."

"M. GOMEZ."

AUTONOMY EMISSARIES HANGED? Two More Commissioners Said to Have Met Ruiz's Fate.

New York, Dec. 25 -- According to Havana acvices received here today two in contact with him, as the disease is commissioners, who were sent to propose peace with autonomy to the insurgents in Pira r del Rie province, have been hanged in conformity with the decree of Gen. Gomez.

Uncle Sam's Big Demand.

London, Dec. 25 .- A dispatch from Madrid to a news agency here states that the United States have demanded of Spain \$8,000,000 as indemnity to A-nerican traders for damages sustained through the war in Cuba.

MURDERERS CREMATE BODY,

Florida Fiends Try to Hide Their Crime.

Leesburg, Fla., Dec. 25,-1, O. Arms, a well-known cattleman and farmer, was murdered on Wednesday and his body burned on his place, at Emeralda, Macon county. Mr. Arms had gone to the woods to cut sills for a new barn. The report of a shotgun was heard in that direction. and when Mr. Arms did not return at night search was made, but no trace was

found by daylight.
Yesterday parties went in all directions, and at night his body was found on the banks of the Ocklawahn

The triends had carried the body to this point and tried to temove all trace of navy.
the murder by cremating it. Only a few The bones, the heart and liver, and scraps of clothing were left to tell the tale. Mr. Arms had bought a large tract of land on the east side of the Ocklawaha River, and | tened ' fenced it in for stock pasture. This action had free use of the land for years, and this feeling of bostlity, it is believed, provoked the murder.

CHRISTMAS POWDER EXPLODES Twenty-Two Persons Receive In jaries at Asheville, N. C.

Asheville, N. C., Dec. 25 .- While 100 en and hovs were celebrating Christmas on a hill near Asheville tonight thirty ounds of powder exploded.

The explosion was caused by the gunners

rel-ading a canton before it had sufficiently Twenty-two persons were in jured, som probably fatally. Four were readered

FATAL SLEIGH RIDE.

Pleasure Party Struck by a Lake Shore Train.

Little Falls, N. Y., Dec. 25,-A sleigh containing seven people, returning from a Christmas entertainment, was struck by the Lake Shore limited train at the central crossing in St. Johnsville, ten miles east of this city, last night. Nine-year-old Nellic Place was killed instantly, her head being severed from her body.

Five were seriously injured.

A Mrs. Smith and her daughter were wedged on the pilot of the engine and were carried 500 feet. They were painfully

injured, but will recover. SULLIVAN TO BE REFEREE.

Announces That Corbett and Fitzsimmons Will Meet Next June. Port Jervis, N. Y., Dec. 25. - John L. Sullivan's advance agent, Henry N. Far ren. Who was in town today billing for his comedy company, received a letter from John L to the effect that he must prepare himself to proceed to Carsun City, Nev., shortly, to make arrangements for a week's stand in that city, as the exchampton was to be referee in the second fight between Corbett and Fitzsin nons, to come off in that city between

DEADLY WORK WITH A GUN

John Osborn Shoots Seven Men and a Woman.

Then He Kills Himself-One Victim Dies and Two Are Mortally Wonnded.

Dallas, Texas, Dec. 25, -A report reacher here today of a trugedy at Pine Hill. Henderson county, last evening. John Osborn went to Pine Hill and began shooting into the stores and houses with a shotgun The following were shot

Arthur Buckner. John Buckner. Parson Hendricks, Charles Fendricks. W. H. Billen.

Bob Martin. Pabe Bumpton and wife. Charler Hendricks is dead and John

Bucker and Robert Murtin were mortally After shooting his victims Osborn shot himself fate'ly.

to the Klondike. Seattle, Wash., Dec. 25.-This morning Jack Dalton, of Juneau, the discoverof the Dalton trail, who recently came over the trail from Dawson, received a telegram from elen. Merriam, commander of the De partment of Columbia, requesting him o ome to Vancouver. Wash., for the purpose of convoiting with him regarding the best route for the Kiondike relief, the expedion now being organized by the Govern Dalton, who has spent years in Ala-ku has consented to impart his information to the reneral and has gone to Vancouver W. S. Gardiner, one of the last miner. to come out over the Dalton trail, arriving in Seattle vesterday, was also requested to pay the general a visit on the som mission. He accompanied Dalton this morning. While these men are some x lat reticent, it is understood that they do not look favorably on the proposition to empley reindeer in the expedition, and are more inclined to the use of well-trained

dogs and pack-horses. PURSER COCKRAN DIES,

Dr. Sherman Pronounces His Dis-

case Yellow Fever. New York, Dec. 25, William C. Cock ran, the purser of the Clyde Line steamship Navahor, which reached this port on Wed-nesday right, died today at his home in Brooklyn, of an illness in the course of which many of the symptoms of yellow

fever were present. Dr. Echbits diagnosed the disease a malarial fever. Mr. Cockran grew worse rapidly, and this afternoon Dr. Wester Sherman, who was called in consultation robounced the disease yellow fever. M Cockran was dying when the consultation

was held. Even if Mr. Cockian had yellow fever, not contagious when the temperature is as low as it has been during the last week.

WIFE SAW HUSBAND KILLED. He Was Enn Down by a Train, She Escaping. Philadelphia, Dec. 25,--George Talbot

forty years old, and Mrs. Laura Bowirs thirty-seven years old, were killed on the Reading railway today. Taibot was walking with his wife and child on the track, near Sixteenth street and Al egheny avenue. The woman and child got out of the way of the approaching

express train, but the husband was struck and mangled to death before their eves.

Mrs. Bewers was crossing the trace at Ninth and Brown streets, when a New York express struck her. Her body was whirled around on the driving wheels o the locomotive and she was literally gr. and

WILL GIVE SPAIN A CRUISER Spaniards in Mexico Now Haiston

Money to Build It.

to pieces.

Spain.

City of Mexico, Dec. 25, The spania ds of Mexico will soon have taised mough money to build a cruiser for the spanish They have already sent \$600,000 to

The construction of the Truiser will be

soon begun in Spain, and it will be chris-'Mexico.' Duel in the Dark Over Cards.

Floribi. Ga., Dec. 25 .- As the result of a terrific duel in the dark last night over a garce of cards Stobe Green a prominent young men of this place, is dead, and James Ball is dangerously wounded at his home here. The two men were the best of friends yesterday and their fa nflies the most intimate in the town Fatal Stabbing Affray in Boston,

Boston, Dec. 25.-The inhabitants of the Italian boarding-house, No. 341 1 2 Hanover street, celebrated Christmus tonight by a grand stabbing affray, as a consequence of which one man is leaf. two more wounded, one mortally, and several others have severe cuts.

NORTH TO BE APPOINTED

Census Commissionership Gees to a Massachusetts Man.

SERVED UNDER MR. PORTER

Manufacturers Not Very Friendly to Him Because of Testimony He Gove a Senate Committee-Census Employes and the Civil Servi ex-Mr. Lodge's Views.

It was stated on good authority but light that the President has decided to ominate Mr. E. J. North as commissioner of the census, under the bill on the census pending in Congress. Mr. North was in town last week and called on the president, it is believed, by appointment

Mr. North is a Massachusetts man and is said to have had pow-rfut backing for the place, in addition to hisknowledge and experience in census work. He was one of the special agents for Superintendent Porter, of the last census, Mr. Porter, it is understoot, is not an applicant for the place of commissioner.

Mr. North has had opposition, and is still opposed for the place. This opposition on largely from the Eastern manufacturers. Mr. North was summoned before the Zinance Committee of the Senate when the tariff bill was being fran ed.

His testimony was in the direction of tartfl or materials which it was to the advantage of the manufacturers to get in free, or as free of duty as possible. Mr. North was however, on the Administration side of the controversy, so that his expression of opinion will hardly burt him wen

the appointive power.

As the census bill is one of the first to be taken up when Congress re-us-sumbles, it is likely that it will be moon; the first to be passed, and the amnouncement of the nomination of the commissioner will doubtless also be made on an early date. The till has been discussed in the Senate and in the House. One of the features of the discussion is whether the cherical force, cutside of the countries skiner, assistant commissioner, chief clerk and the chief statisticion, shall be placed under the merit system. The outlook is that the spoilsmen of the House and S mate will make a strong effort to exempt the large army of appointers from the chamited service. It will be claimed that such an ex-SEEKS JACK DALTON'S OPINION. sudnation as that which was held for these places when the appointments were He Will Help Select the Best Route hy Superintendent Porter all that is necessary. It is argue-1 that men were sufficiently will ex-amined then to test their efficiency, asthough it was not known us a civil service examination. Senator Lodge favors placing all of the employes under the Jamie

fird service. The apposite view is beid by Senstor Rule. It is expected that if the bill passes early in January the commissioner will be appointed at once, and a nucleus of he Consus force will be installed in head quarters here to consist of the commissioner and assistants, which clerk and about thirtytwo clerks. The formative establicould be in working order about the 150s

of February. Already some of the well-known clerus under Mr. Poster are in town. Among them are Mr. Von Petror, who was quently agent in Abstrac Mr. Hunt, the special statistician on population, Frank Wil-Hams, specialist on manufacture others. Mr. Porter is expected here in

Wednesday. The former chief clerk of the Cenaus, Mr. A. F. Childs, is taid to stand an excellent chance for reappointment. Mr. Childs's work commended itself to the Census Eqreau, at d be was besides a verypopular siftcer. All of the appointments will it is understood, be made by the communicate without reference to any other afficial The Secretary of the Interior quoted as saying that he does not wish to have the responsibility

of approving or suggesting names.

RECEIVES GREAT ATTENTION. Mexican Treatment of Mr. Bryan

Pleasing to Him. San Antonio, Tex., Doc. 25 .- William F. Bryan writes to H. F. Onion, of this city, that he is the recipient of great attention at the bands of the Mexican people, and that be will conclude his tour of Mexico in

He will stop off here on his way home and deliver an address, in which it is expented that he will give his impressions of the affairs of the country which he is

now visiting.

BUYING CATTLE FOR CUBA. Spanish Agent Makes Purchases

in Texas. Fort Worth, Texas, Dec. 25,-Recently Senot Manuel Richardo came here from Cuba, stating that he was detailed by the Spanish government to buy cattle for the panish army in Coba. He is now buying

He said that two of the hargest cattle inporters of Cuba bave agents on the way to north Texas to buy cattle for Cuba shine ment, and they will buy 350 to 400 hend daily. He complains that he is hindered In his work by the discriminations of the

rallways. Small Acetylene Explosions.

New York, her, 25. There were several explosions last night in the ruins of the United States Acetylene Company's works. Jersey City, which blew up yesterday. They were caused by the go gases from water coming in contact with calcium. The explosions were heard two blocks away and caused some apprenension as to the extent of the darm but there was really no damage of any sequence. Those who were in it in the explosion yesterday are doing well

More Pay or Miners Will Strike, Chattanooga, Dec. 25.- A general strike of miners, involving between 700 and 800 men, is threatened in Dayton, Tenn., district. Over 300 men are already sation account of the refusal of the operators to raise the wage solledule.

Restaurant Manager Assassinated. Charleston, S. C., Dec. 25-Morris A. Lorenzi, a white restaurant manager, was shot with a rifle and instantly killed to night by an unknown negro, who fied. It is said the killing was an accident.

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